

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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Abstract

A method and a communications system for data realignment by a management network which has at least two management levels, with data being transmitted for data realignment between at least one agent in one management level and at least one manager in a next-higher management level, relating to spontaneous events. The manager sends one or more request messages to transmit the alarm data to the agent, with the manager transmitting correlation information for association of the respective request with the messages that are subsequently sent by the agent. To reduce the load on both the managers and the agents, the requested data is sent from the agent to the managers, together with the monitoring information inserted into an optional additional field. Filter devices which are inserted between the managers and the agent or agents pass only that data which is to be transmitted to the managers associated with it.